

MBNMS Coastal Armoring Working Group ---

Attached is the agenda for the first meeting of our coastal armoring working group, scheduled for Wednesday, January 22, 2003 from 1:00-5:00 PM here at the Sanctuary office at 299 Foam St. in Monterey. Please bring your calendars as we will be scheduling dates for the remaining monthly meetings out to April, on that day.

Also enclosed is a short Coastal Armoring Issue Characterization which describes the issue, as well as how the Sanctuary is currently involved. This includes an initial list of categories for your consideration as potential components of a regional strategy for addressing coastal armoring. Please review this document prior to the meeting as it will serve as an initial basis for our discussion.

A separate file is also attached which lists comments about coastal armoring which we received from the public during our scoping meetings. Finally, a fourth attached file summarizes the structure, mechanics and responsibility of the working group.

The working group's effort is anticipated to lead to a set of recommendations to be included in a draft of our revised Management Plan, which will guide Sanctuary activities with our partners in future years. We will be providing an overview of the Management Plan process at the meeting. Should you wish additional information on it before then, it is available at:

<http://sanctuaries.nos.noaa.gov/jointplan/>

Again, thank you very much for offering your time and expertise to this important effort, and I look forward to seeing you next week

Brad

P.S. Please note there is limited parking available in our rear lot, so allow yourself time to find parking on the street--metered parking is available in the surrounding blocks, or unmetered is available 1 block up the hill along the streets on the other side of Lighthouse Avenue.